

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Manfred Gunthner, et al.	Examiner:	Alfred J. Wujciak
Application No.:	10/588,590	Group Art Unit:	3632
Filed:	August 9, 2004	Docket No.:	SCH-49153-PCT-US
Title:	JOINING DEVICE FOR AN ACTUATING LEVER AND A SUPPORTING ELEMENT OF A VALVE OPERATING MECHANISM OF AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE		

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RESPONSE AND PROVISIONAL ELECTION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 21, 2008, applicants respectfully submit this following Response and Provisional Election to the Restriction Requirement made by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 121.

**I. Restriction Requirement**

The restriction requirement was made for the following inventions:

I. Claims 16-19, drawn to subcombination/combination, classified in class 248, subclass 221.11.

II. Claims 20-24, drawn to combination, classified in class 248, subclass 288.11.

III. Claims 25-34, drawn to subcombination, classified in class 248, subclass 231.71.